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November Meeting

Thursday, Nov 21,  
at 7:30 PM,  
National Museum of  
Civil War Medicine,  
48 E. Patrick St.,  
Frederick, MD



### Our November 21 speaker is Frank A. O'Reilly, historian with Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park.

#### Topic: "Fredericksburg: From Stonewall to Stone Wall"

The Battle of Fredericksburg was a barometer for the world to gauge the progress of the Civil War at the end of 1862. It was easily simplified into absolutes in people's minds: it was the easiest victory Robert E. Lee ever had—Ambrose Burnside was a well-meaning incompetent—and the terrible Stone Wall was impregnable against all odds. But the campaign and battle at Fredericksburg were far more complicated and intriguing than that! Frank O'Reilly will discuss all the subtleties and surprises that challenge historians and students even today.

Frank A. O'Reilly is a distinguished Civil War historian. His book, *The Fredericksburg Campaign: Winter War on the Rappahannock*, received a 2003 nomination for the Pulitzer Prize in Letters. It won the 2002 Capital District (Albany, NY) Book Award, the 2003 James I. Robertson, Jr. Book Award, the 2004 Daniel Laney Book Award, and the 2004 Richard Barksdale Harwell Book Award.

Frank received his BA and MA in American History, with a concentration in Early American Military History and Civil War Studies, from Washington & Lee University before joining the National Park Service as a historian. His first book, *Stonewall Jackson at Fredericksburg*, was published in 1993. He has written numerous articles on the Civil War and Mexican War for national and international journals, appeared in several documentaries, and lectured extensively on military history to audiences around the world, including several conferences in the United Kingdom at Oxford. He is currently researching a book on the Battle of Malvern Hill and the Seven Days' Campaign around Richmond.

### Next Month's Speaker

At our next meeting on December 19, local author Gary Dyson of Mt. Airy will discuss his book "A Civil War Correspondent in New Orleans: The Journals and Reports of Albert Gaius of the Boston Journal"



## The Prez Sez

Doing research on historical or genealogy subjects, try some of these resources:

### **Frederick Co. Archives and Research Center**

The Historical Society of Frederick Co.  
24 E. Church St.

- Thursday: 10 AM - 8 PM
- Friday & Saturday: 10 AM - 4 PM

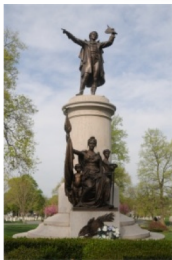


**Frederick County  
Public Library**

### **Maryland Room of the Frederick Co. Public Libraries**

110 E. Patrick St.

- Monday - Thursday: 10 AM - 8 PM
- Friday & Saturday: 10 AM - 5 PM
- Sunday 1 PM - 5 PM



**Francis Scott Key  
Burial Site Mt. Olivet**

### **Family History Center-The Church of LDS**

199 North Pl.

(301) 698-0406

- Monday - Saturday: Hours Vary

### **Frederick Co. Court House**

100 W. Patrick St.

- Monday - Friday: 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM
- Saturday & Sunday: Closed

### **Mount Olivet Cemetery**

515 S. Market St.  
301-662-1164



**Confederate Burial  
Site Mt. Olivet**

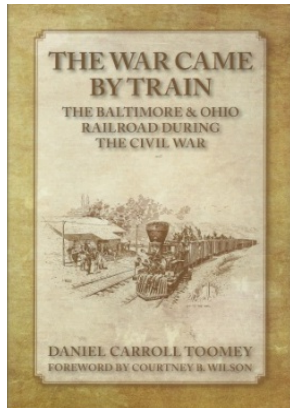


**Bring your white gloves and pencils !**

Jack

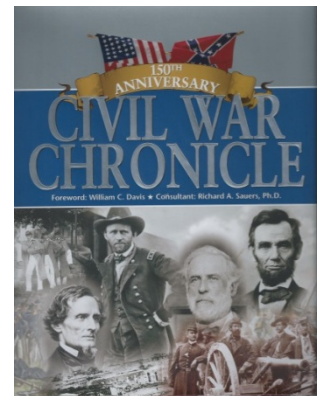
## Ramblings from the Raffle Table

Some people have their holiday shopping finished by Thanksgiving. I'm never that organized but we have some selections for our Raffle Table this month which would please any history enthusiast and they are gift quality!



Is there anyone out there who doesn't respond to the lure of a lonely train whistle sounding in the twilight? Railroads were at the heart of American progress in the mid-nineteenth century and an essential cog in the Civil War saga, especially here in Maryland. Learn more about the role of the B&O Railroad right here in our own backyard with Daniel Toomey's The War Came by Train.

The activities surrounding the sesquicentennial of the Civil War has sparked interest in hundreds of people who previously gave it little thought. Do you have someone on your list who now wants to know more about the greatest American conflict? This anniversary edition volume would make a great gift to nurture the new history buff in your family or perhaps you'll want to keep it yourself (as Santa's helper you can do that) for a quick but thorough reference guide.



Stop by the Raffle Table and at 2 chances for a dollar (splurge a little and increase your chances) you might be able to go home from a fun and informative evening at the Round Table with your shopping all done!

See you at the Raffle Table, Kathi

## Other gift ideas from the Round Table

Our author speakers generally bring copies of their books they are happy to sign for you. These make great holiday gifts for the Civil War enthusiasts on your list. Please note that these can be purchased with cash or check-unfortunately, we are unable to process credit cards.

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## October's Meeting

In October, Lieutenant Colonel (ret.) Bill Hewitt presented an excellent talk on the "Prelude to Gettysburg", discussing the military decisions that influenced the outcome of the famous battle. As a military member I found the talk to be extremely informative and a great learning experience. Thanks to everyone who attended!

Kathy Fullerton, Membership Chair



## Dues Reminder



This is the final reminder for 2013-14 dues payment. Please note that the newsletter is a benefit of membership and that lack of dues payment will result in being removed from our mailing list.

### MISSION

**TO** cultivate and preserve Frederick County's Civil War heritage and broaden the understanding of the Civil War Era and its impact on our nation.

**TO** explore the many facets of the Civil War from the battlefield to first-person narratives, including guest lectures by writers and historians.

**TO** support historical projects and activities aimed at increasing public interest and appreciation of our Civil War history, both locally and nationally.

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